

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 133, 138, and 139 as follows:

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--133. (Amended) A method of preparing an electron-emitting device comprising (a) electrodes disposed on a substrate, and (b) an electron emitting portion disposed between said electrodes, wherein electrons are emitted by said electron emitting portion by applying a voltage between said electrodes, comprising the steps of:

(i) forming said electrodes on [a] said substrate;

INS. E1  
(ii) coating a mixture of fine particles and an insulating material in a solvent between said electrodes; and

(iii) baking the coated substrate so as to form an insulating layer containing said fine particles.

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2 138. (Amended) A method of preparing an electron-emitting device comprising (a) electrodes disposed on a substrate, and (b) an electron emitting portion disposed between said electrodes, wherein electrons are emitted by said electron emitting portion by applying a voltage between said electrodes, comprising the steps of:

INS. E2  
(i) coating an insulating layer containing fine particles on [a] said substrate;

(ii) thereafter baking said coating; and

(iii) forming said electrodes on said insulating layer.

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~~139.~~ (Amended) A method of preparing an electron-emitting device comprising (a) electrodes disposed on a substrate, and (b) an electron emitting portion disposed between said electrodes, wherein electrons are emitted by said electron emitting portion by applying a voltage between said electrodes, comprising the steps of:

(i) forming said electrodes on [a] said substrate;

(ii) coating a dispersion containing fine particles and an organic binder between said electrodes; and

(iii) thereafter baking said substrate. <sup>23</sup>

#### REMARKS

The claims are 133 and 138-140, claims 133, 138, and 139 being independent. Claims 133, 138, and 139 have been amended to better define the intended invention.

The Examiner rejected claims 133 and 138-140 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, on the ground that it was not clear which portion of the device produced by the instant method comprises the emitter portion.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the claims would be deemed allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the formal rejection. Independent claims 133, 138, and 139 have been amended to specify that the electron emitting